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In replay to Mr. Bradley Farrell latest filling There was no attempt to expand the issues, I was commenting on other "ham's" comments that were filled on the ECFS, Letter addressed to me, E-mail's that were all forwarded to the commission electronic mail, and copys sent in via "Regular U.S. Standard Mail". All this material even the several I received in opposition was sent to the commission. A number of parties noted they could not get into the ECFS! The ARRL and the FCC fixed the problem on a rapid repair!

All fillings were in reply to comments sent in, or even in one case the lack of sent in comments to one area. Again in my "RM" filling I stressed of sorts the Input from the radio community was need!

There is at present cross credit in some area's between the Part 97 Ham's and the Part 13 Commerical Radio. It is noted in both parts of the rules. The big item in cross credit is the VE / CE area where on Exams. Extra Class ham's can give Commerical Exam's. Element 1-C also has some cross credits if the holder is a EXTRA for commerical exams! There were major changes in the "Ham" and "Commerical" exams over the years. Isuggested that the FCC look into the area for updates that may be need of sorts. If the Commission or the WTB wishes to act on the suggested input from others that was sent in I only made comment on there "Great" Idea and Input to the commission.

Mr. Farrell make mention to the wording "Automatic" in his latest comment. The ARRL sent out a correction notice witch was printed on web pages. The requested mode for the upgrades was the VEC/VE system in the "RM" by application.

A lot of comments sent in stated that there were harder tests of the past, some were noted in fillings against the "RM"! They may be against the "RM" but with the noted remarks about past harder tests for both Novices, and Extras of the past they know the tests were much harder. Nothing in the "RM" request was set in stone, cement, or steel it all has some "Flex" so that other changes could be taken on by the FCC to resolve the mater.

Any add'l new comments I sent into the commission involved "Flex" in the way the Commission could address this "RM" request. I even commented on one fellow had a very easy, and simple request to up grade all the "Advanced" class Ham's! His Idea was mutch better than my "RM" and that what comments are for! I noticed that one fellow had like remarks also later in the week!

Several fellows started out in the beginning of there filled comments opposed to the "RM" but later stated some parts they like! There was even one ECFS filling I can't make heads or tail's of, and this is not unusual! I even looked at RM-10621 and found one comment for and one against making referance to this "RM" looks as if they were mis-filed and confused by the ECFS system. They were copyed and sent into the commission via REGULAR Mail. A E-mail was also dispatched to the WTB & Commission about this.

The bulk of the opposed comments look to be a "Turf" war of sorts!

Well over the air comments have been going on for some time about the from the 1999 / 2000 FCC changes to the Ham radio rules!

The VEC's and the FCC made major changes they merged the various split elements like 4a and 4b into New Element 4. Trapping the Advanced Classes in limbo. There should have been a long Phase Out of the element 4-B to allow the current Advanced to upgrade through testing. In the 1999 / 2000 major changes the commission stated up front that the differences between the "Advanced" and "Extra" class was "minimal". The commission and later the VEC/VE left no way out. At best the VEC/VE should have went back to the commission to address this early, and they did not. The same case can be made for the "Novices". A small case can be made for some of the early Generals that received (2) down gradings of sorts from the early "Class A" license splits of the before and after WW-2 changes.

The real old "General" class ham's posted on the ECFS, and sent me e-mail about there bad treatment in the past. Some have stated they have only the ARRL thank for being trapped of "Sorts"! I don't thing the ARRL is at fault, they could have addressed the issues in there printed areas, or even on the "WEB" in poll's!

I noticed that in some of the fillings some of the "Extras" that were opposed in the upgrading made reference to the "FRS-Citizen Band-MUFs". It is a comments by "Extras" about "Advanced" that give the "Extra" class a bad name. At several points in time the "advanced" took the technical exam as the "Extra". The major rule making of 1999 / 2000 made efforts to level the playing field and to reduce the ham infighting between 7 classes down to 3 and this has worked. The enforcment by the "Hollingsworth Crew" has worked and there even ECFS comments has stated this on record in this "RM"

Thanks to everyone who sent in a ECFS, e-mail, or letter about this this thanks go's to both the "opposed" and the "for" Rule Making Request. A special thanks to the "Mixed Comments" that liked in part approval, you fellows Ideas are great!

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